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Continuation of Notes 7 and 11:

Rejection under 35 U.S.C §112, 1st Paragraph for NEW MATTER.

Applicants' arguments are persuasive. The subject matter of where a sensor views a droplet pattern previously dispensed from a dispensing head was disclosed in original claims 10 and 24. This rejection is withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Blanchard (WO 98/41531).

Applicants have responded to this rejection by stating that Blanchard does not teach "viewing a droplet pattern previously dispensed from said head." The applicants state that their invention compares the image in memory and the actual droplet pattern to derive a corrected drive pattern. However, the claimed invention does not recite obtaining an image of the actual droplet pattern. Rather the claimed invention only recites that the sensor view a droplet pattern previously dispensed from said head. A droplet pattern does not require that the actual droplets be detected. It only requires that the method have a pattern of where the droplets are to be deposited. Thus, by recording that pattern of where the droplets are to be deposited, Blanchard teaches where the sensor views droplet patterns previously dispensed from a dispensing head.

Applicants also provided arguments regarding the non-elected species of the instant claims. However, these species are not under examination at this time.

This rejection is maintained.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jerry Lin whose telephone number is (571)272-2561. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00-5:30pm, M-TH.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marjorie A. Moran can be reached on (571) 272-0720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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